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# Port your camera in 2018

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# Hello!

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# Hello!

- Thanks Renesas for supporting me in this activity!



# Talk outline

- *soc\_camera*: what's happening?
- What has changed since the *soc\_camera* days:
  - Board files vs firmware support
  - Device discovery and linking
  - Power Management
- Practical example: *ov772x.c*
- Q/A

# The soc\_camera framework

- *soc\_camera* was GREAT
- Widely adopted
  - Mainline drivers
  - In BSPs and downstream kernel

# What's happening to soc\_camera

In mainline kernels:

- *soc\_camera* to be 'soon' deprecated (with 'soon' to be defined)
- Last *soc\_camera* dependent bridge driver has been re-implemented last year
- *soc\_camera* sensor drivers are not officially supported anymore

# What's happening to soc\_camera

## File organization:

- `drivers/media/platform/  
drivers/media/platform/soc_camera/`
- `drivers/media/i2c/  
drivers/media/i2c/soc_camera/`
- `drivers/media/i2c/mt9t112.c  
drivers/media/i2c/soc_camera/mt9t112.c`

# soc\_camera: the good

- Provides an abstraction to the crude V4L2 APIs
- Ease linking bridge drivers to sensor drivers
- Abstract driver operations to a structure of function pointers



# soc\_camera: the bad

- Designed for board-files:
  - OF and ACPI support is limited (hold on...)
- Use on a set of deprecated operations and frameworks
- Media-controller and subdev APIs are game changers
  - The single device node abstraction is showing its age...

# What has changed?

- device discovery and linking:
  - notifier(s) and async matching
- power management
- clocks and regulators handling

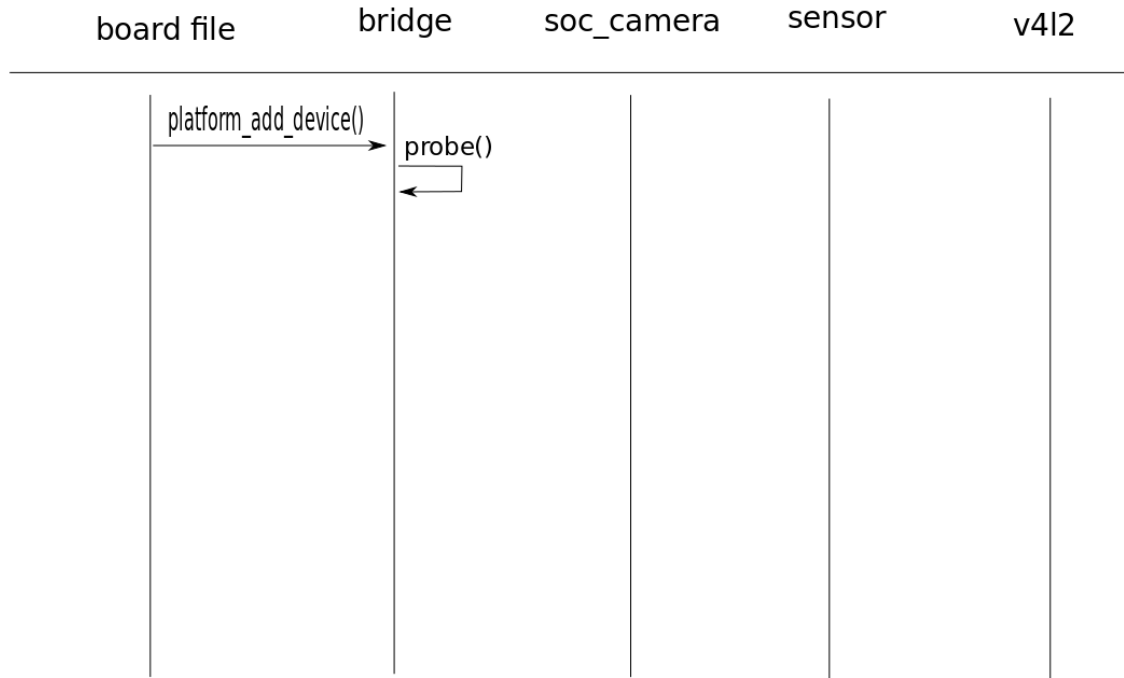
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- Device matching and probing:
  - The old world: i2c addresses based
  - The new world: firmware based

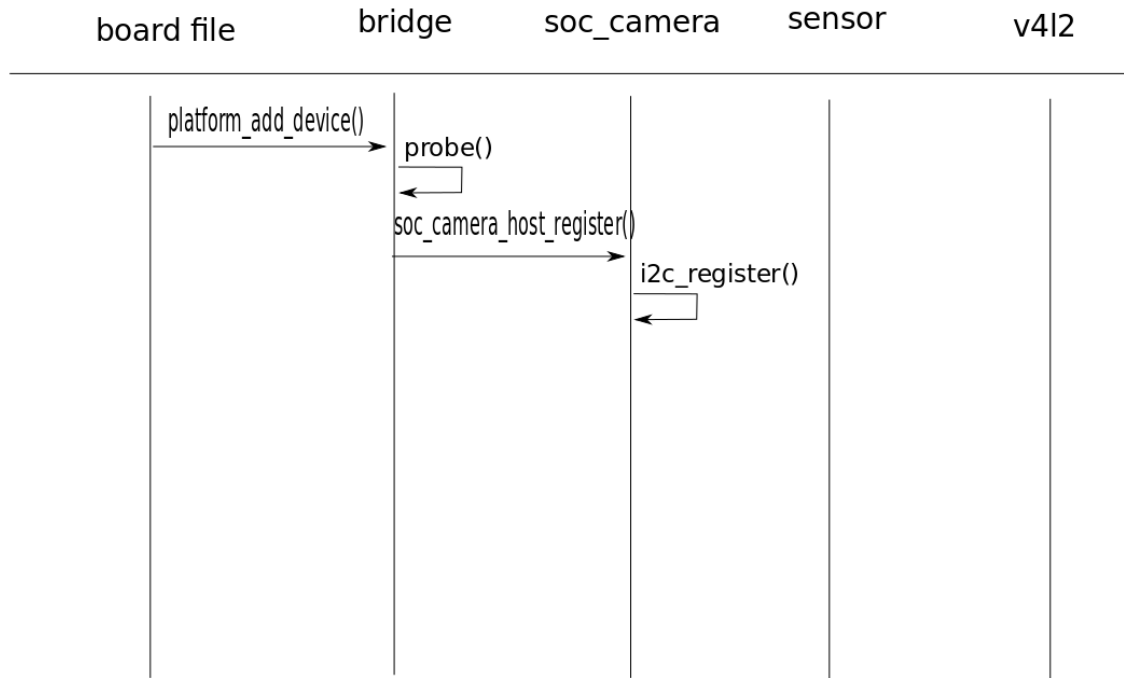
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board file	bridge	soc_camera	sensor	v4l2

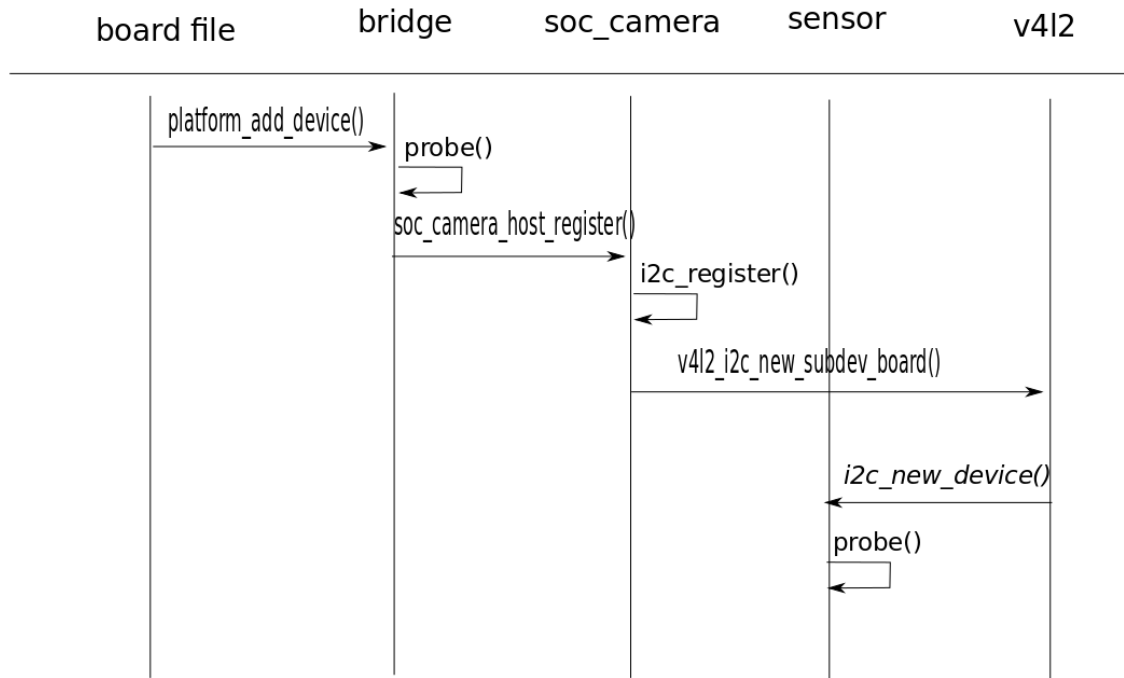
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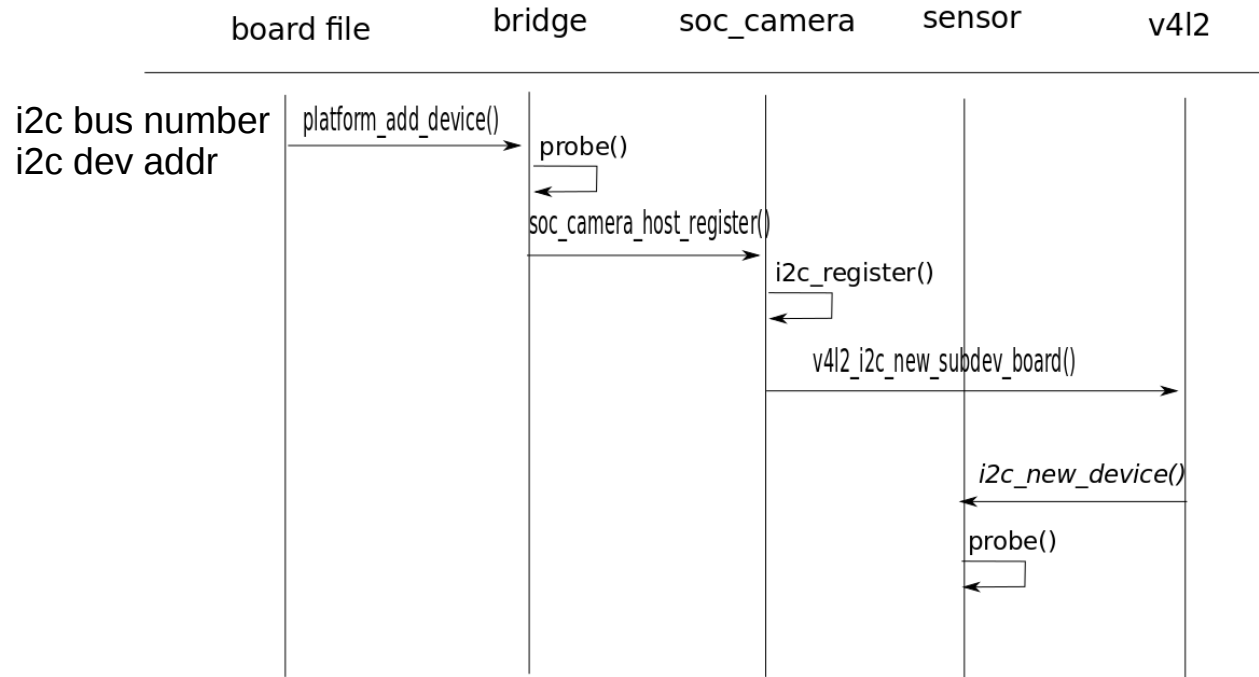
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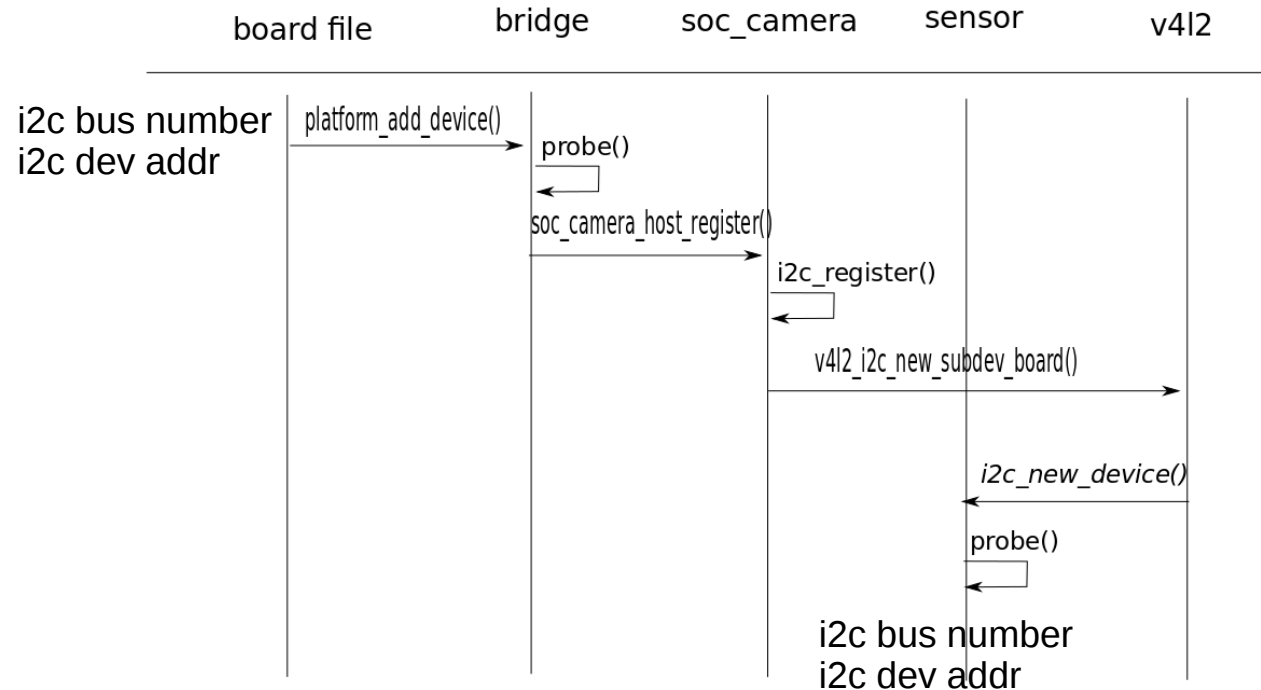


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- Old world
  - Device identified by i2c bus number and i2c address
  - Device probing is sequential
  - Guarantees a bridge driver probes before the sensor driver it will connect to

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- New world
  - Devices are created parsing a firmware description of the system (OF or ACPI)
  - Device are identified by they 'firmware node' references
  - No guarantees on the probing order

# video4linux2: device probing

## DTB

```
soc{  
    vin@xxxxxxxx {  
        ...  
    };  
  
    i2c@xxx {  
        ...  
        sensor@3a {  
            ....  
        };  
    };  
};
```

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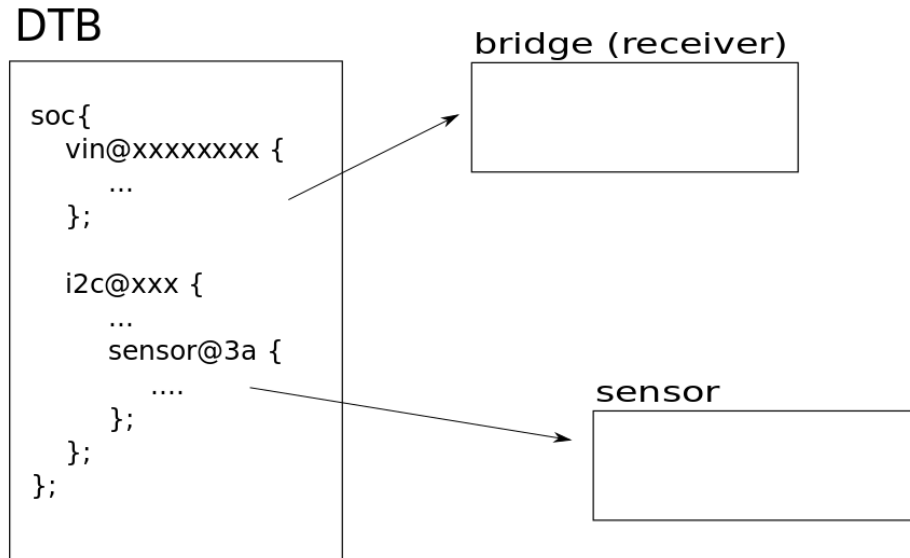
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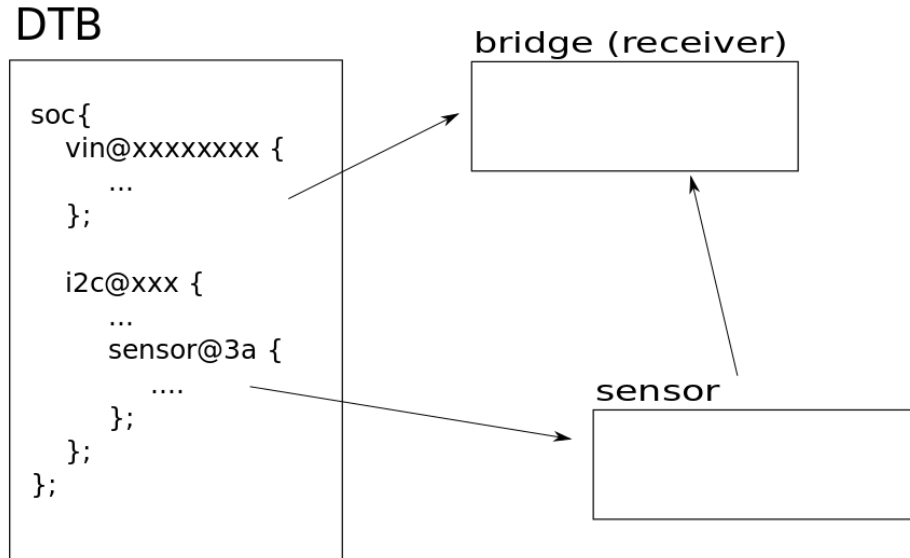
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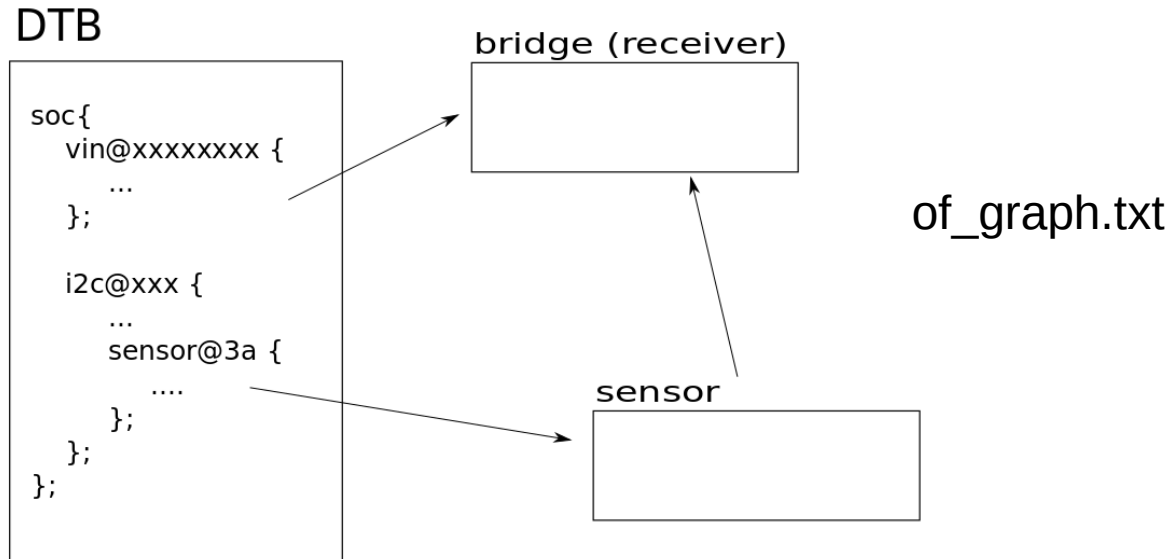
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of\_graph.txt

ACPI\_DSD extension

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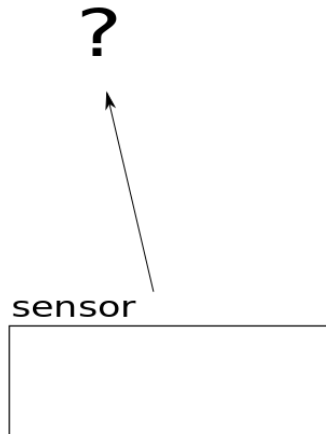
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  - *v4l2-async*
  - *v4l2-fwnode*

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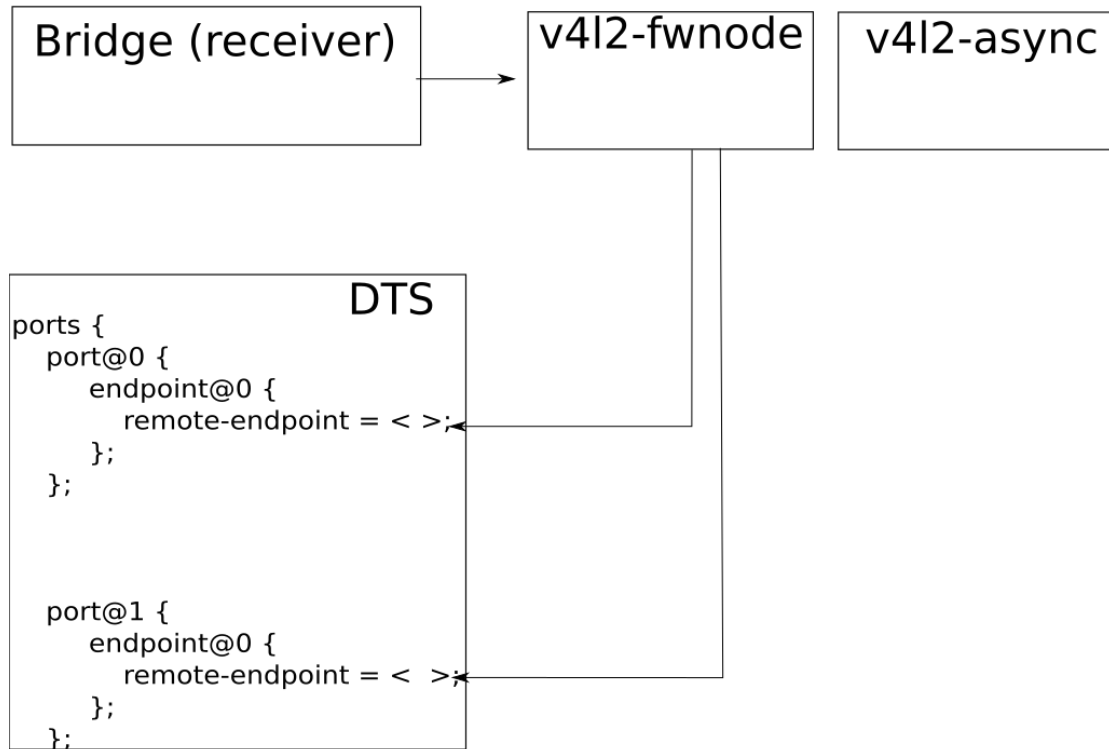
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v4l2-async

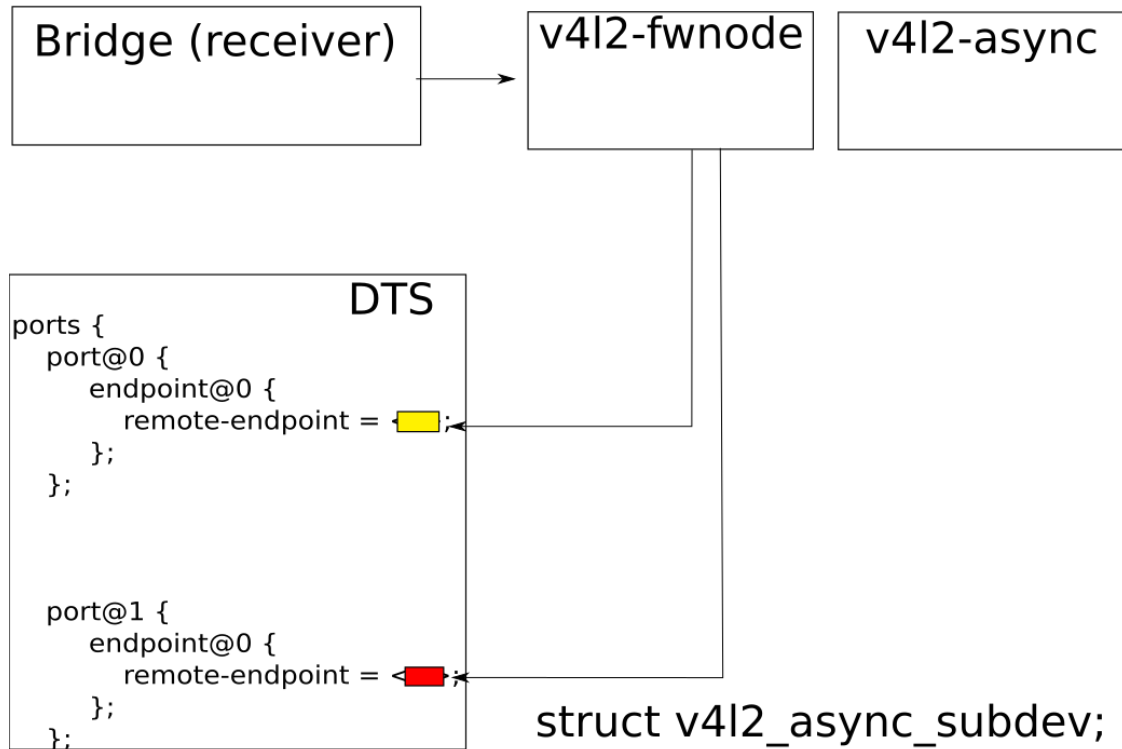
DTS

```
ports {  
    port@0 {  
        endpoint@0 {  
            remote-endpoint = < >;  
        };  
    };  
  
    port@1 {  
        endpoint@0 {  
            remote-endpoint = < >;  
        };  
    };  
};
```

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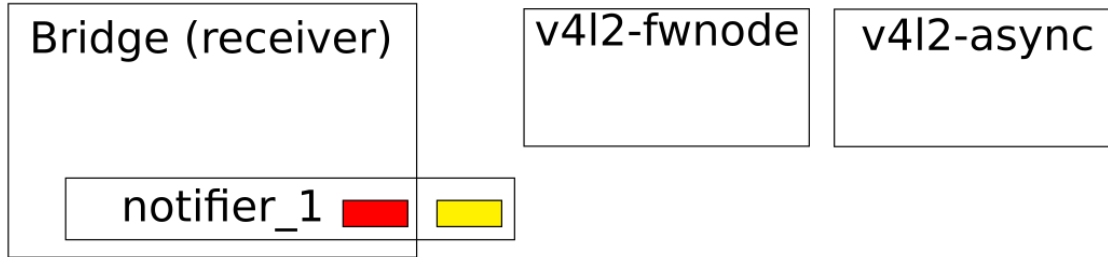
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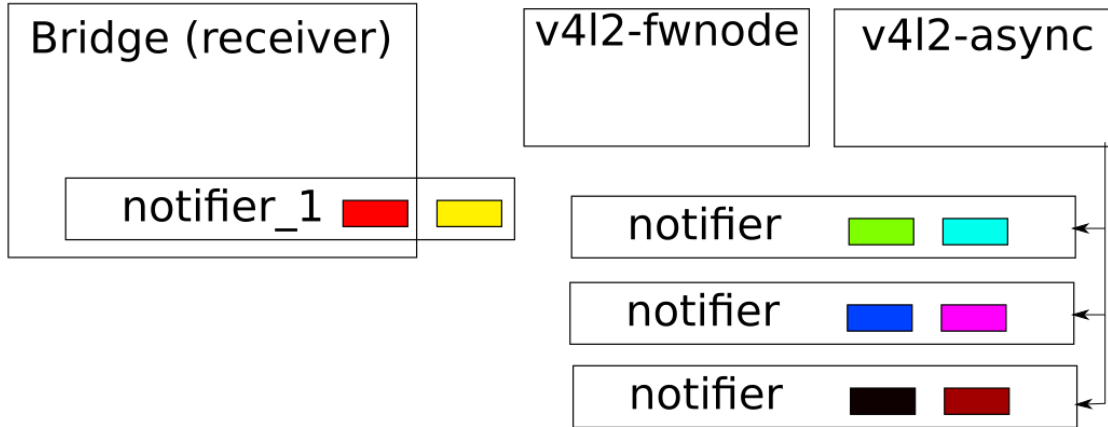
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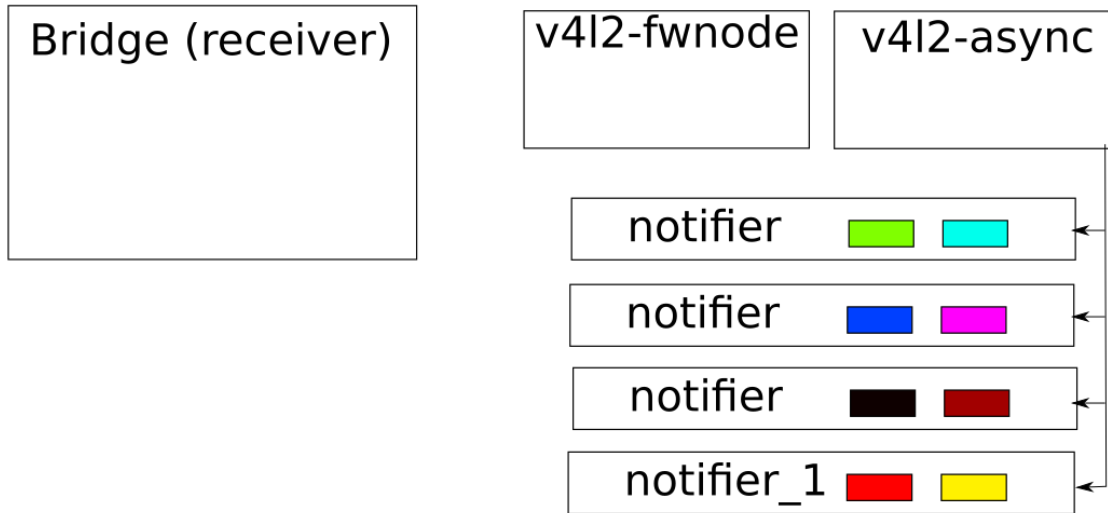
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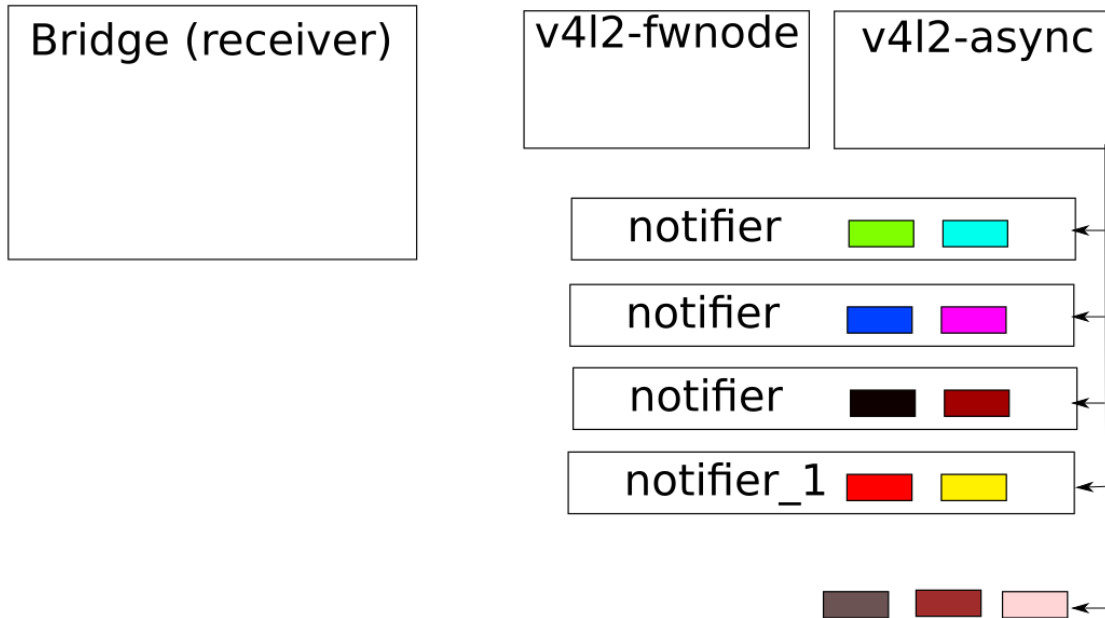
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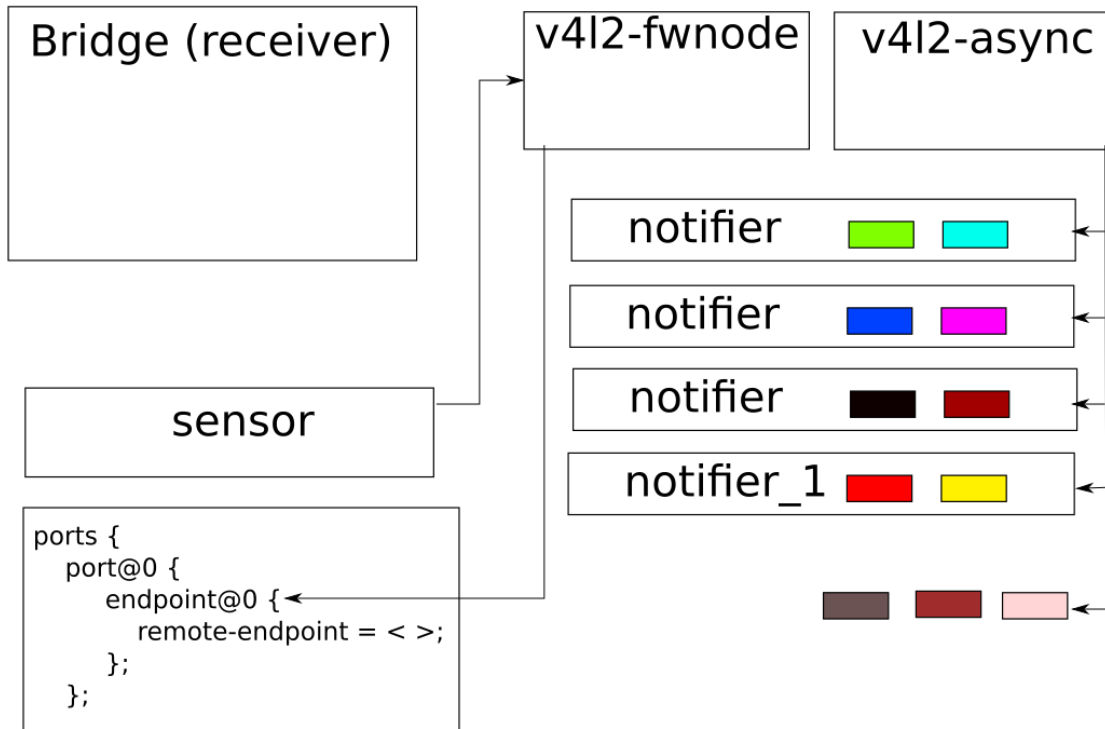
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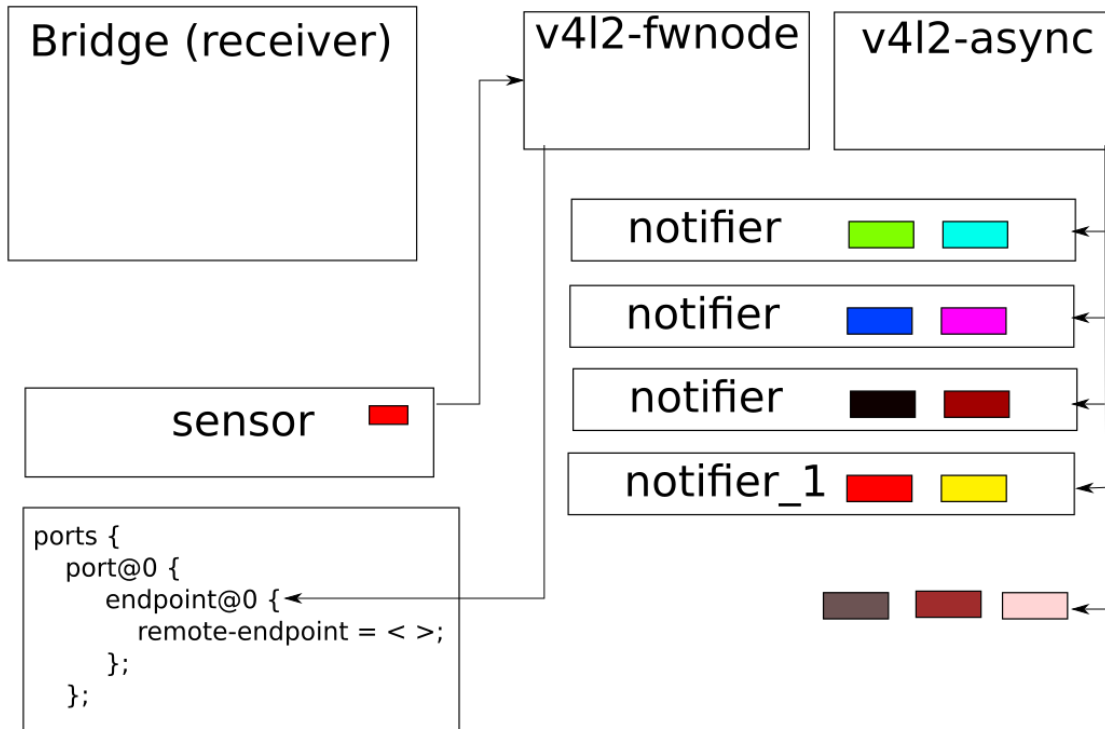
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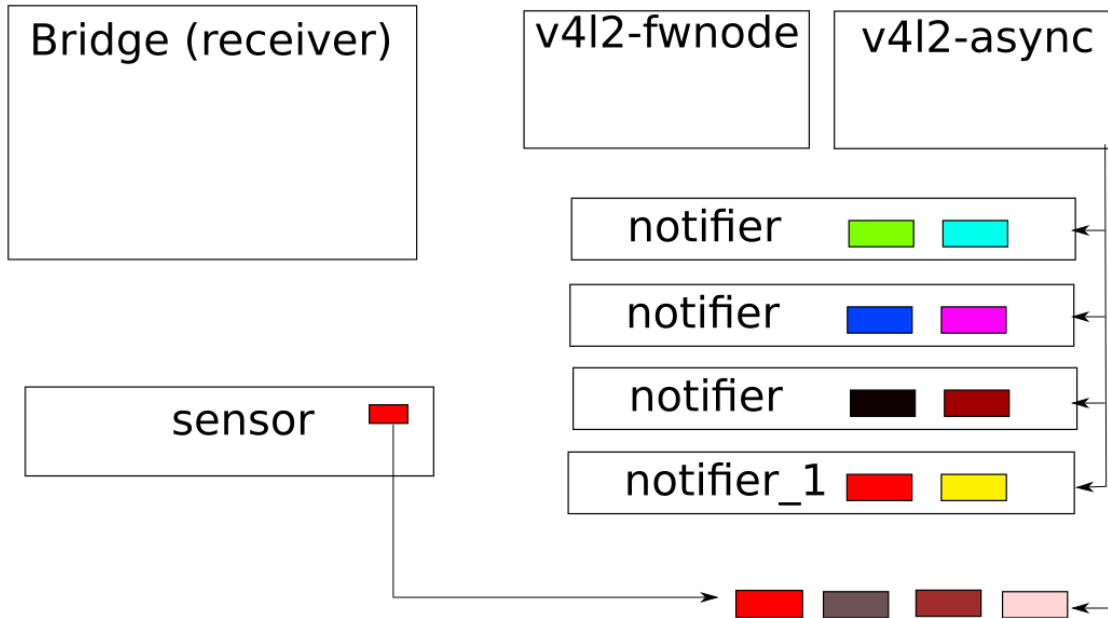
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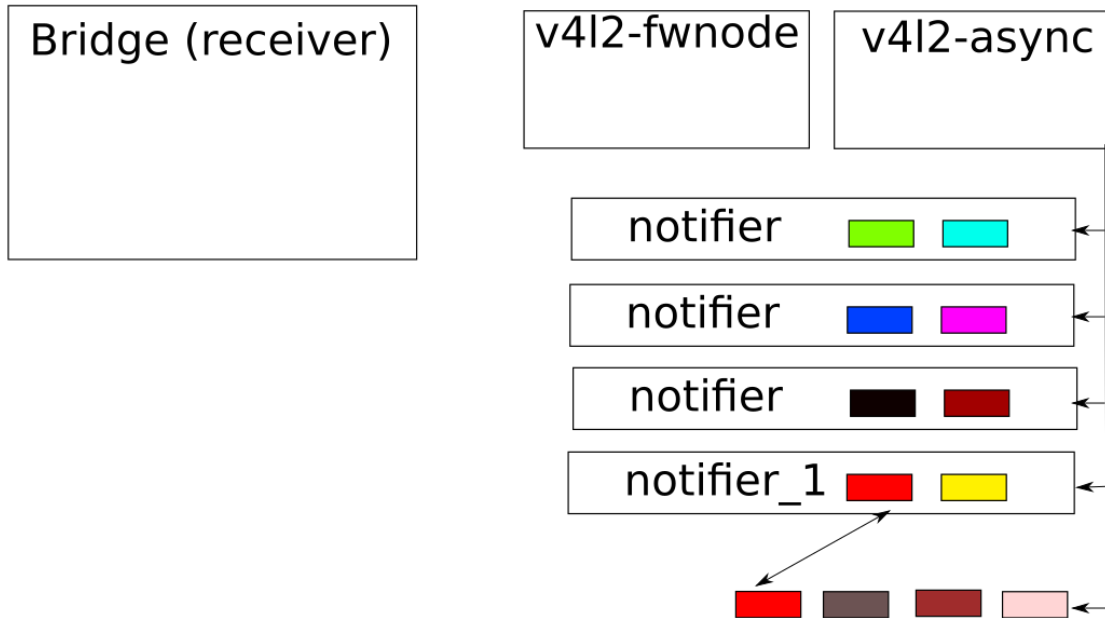


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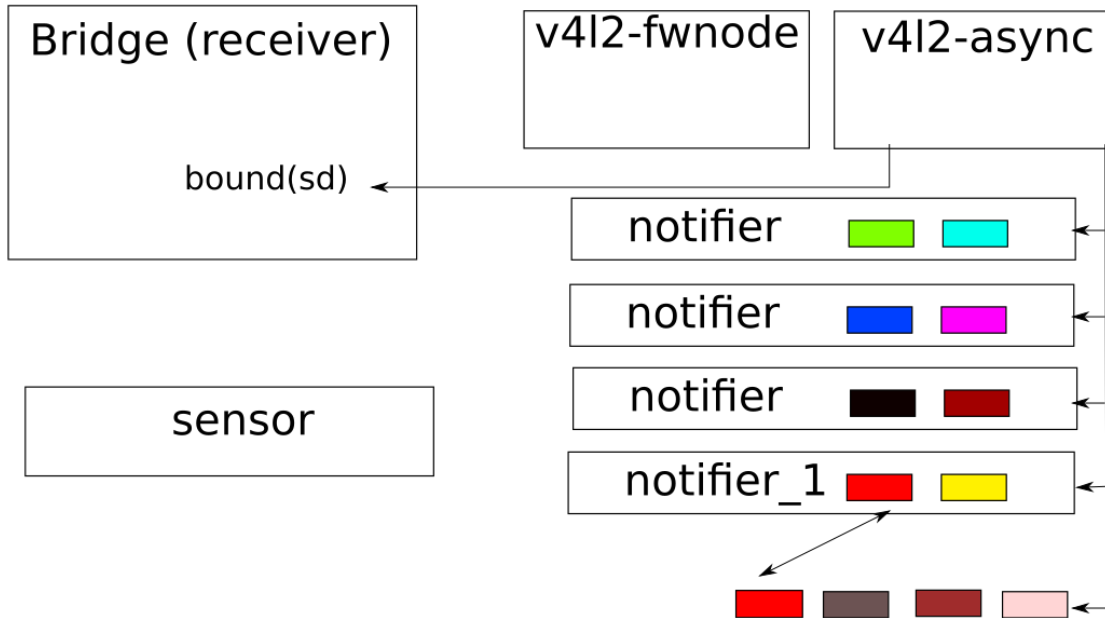




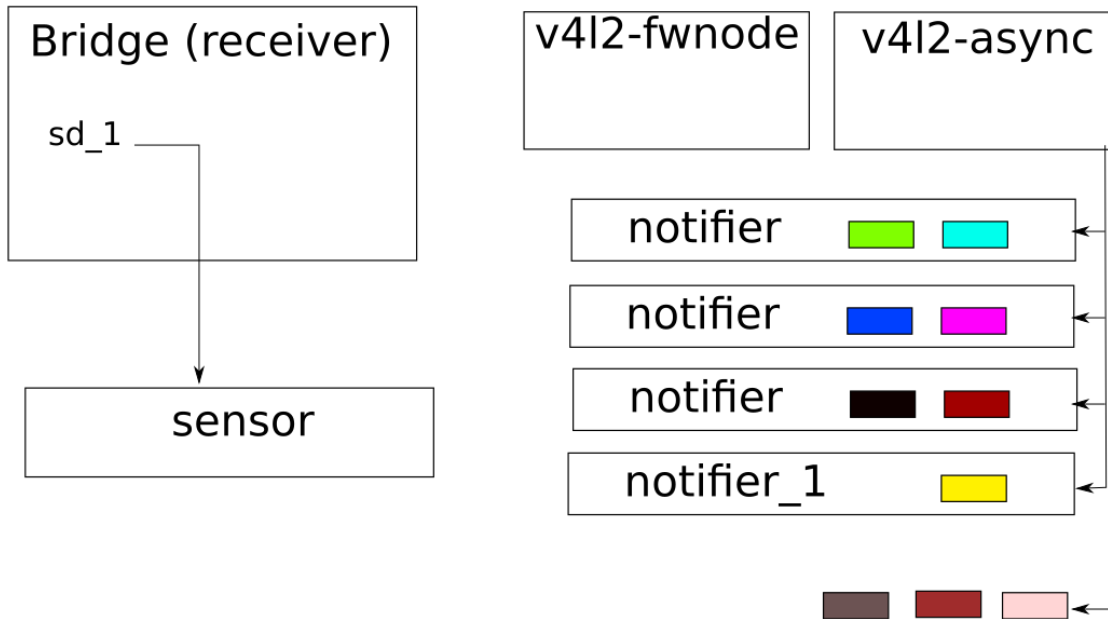
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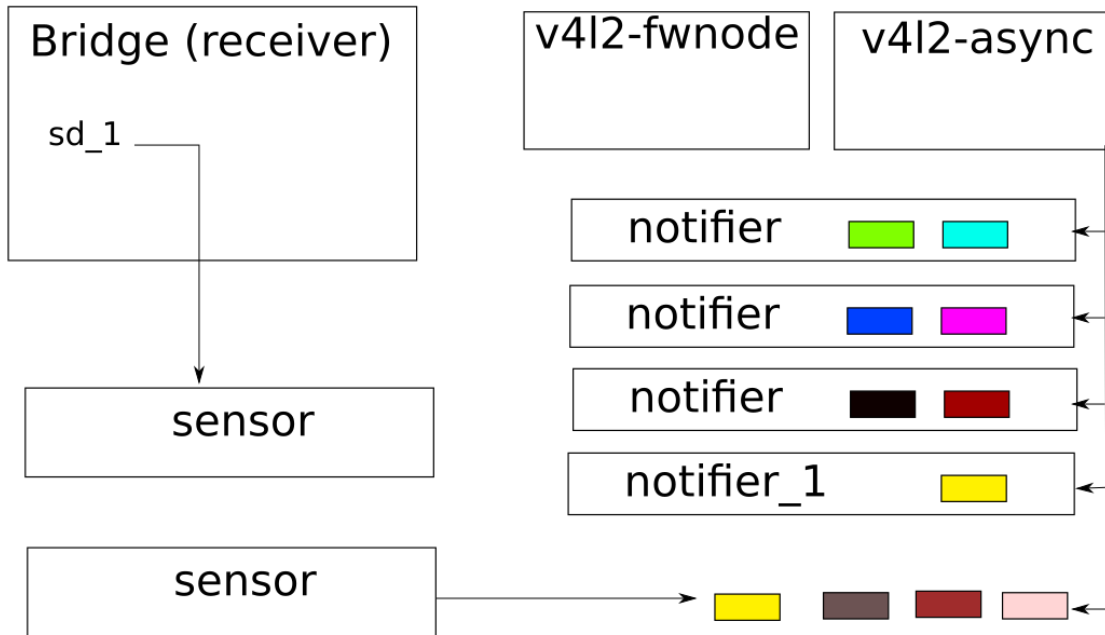
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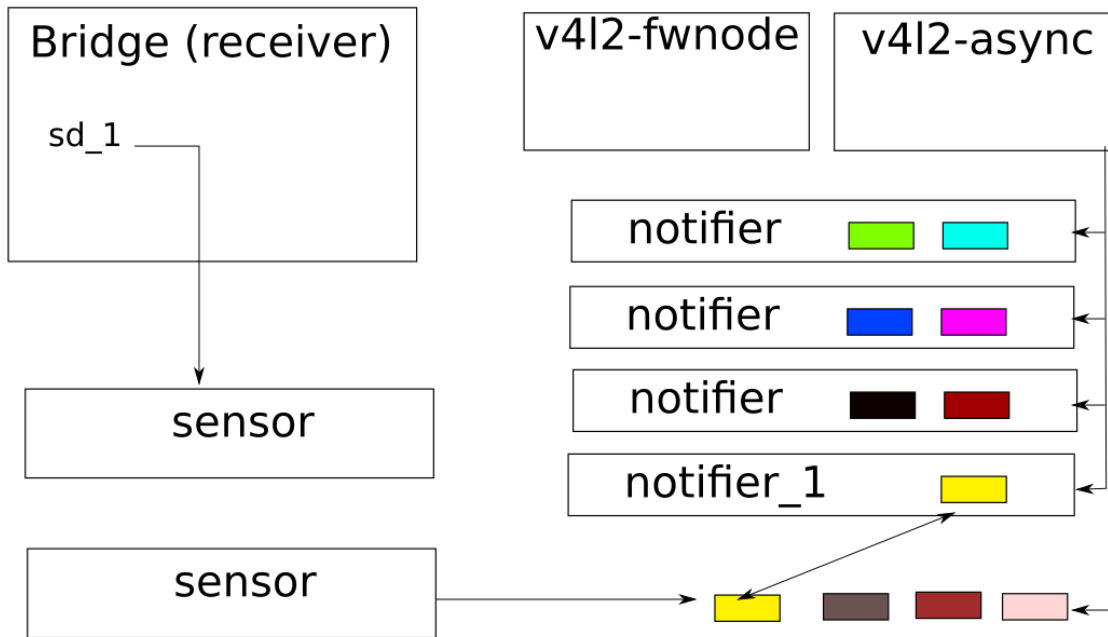
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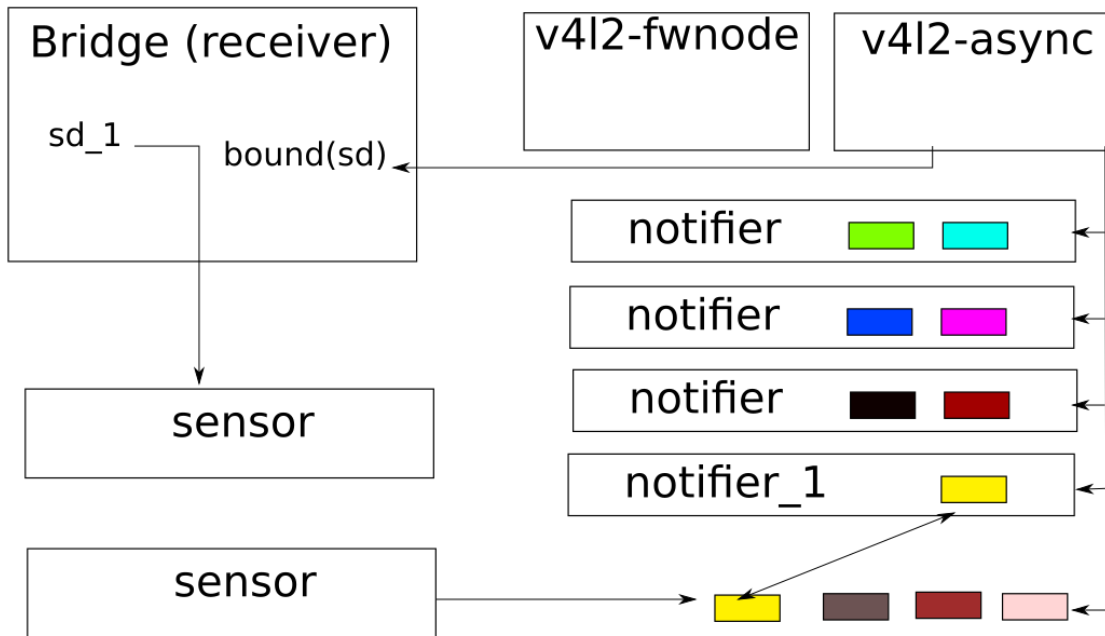
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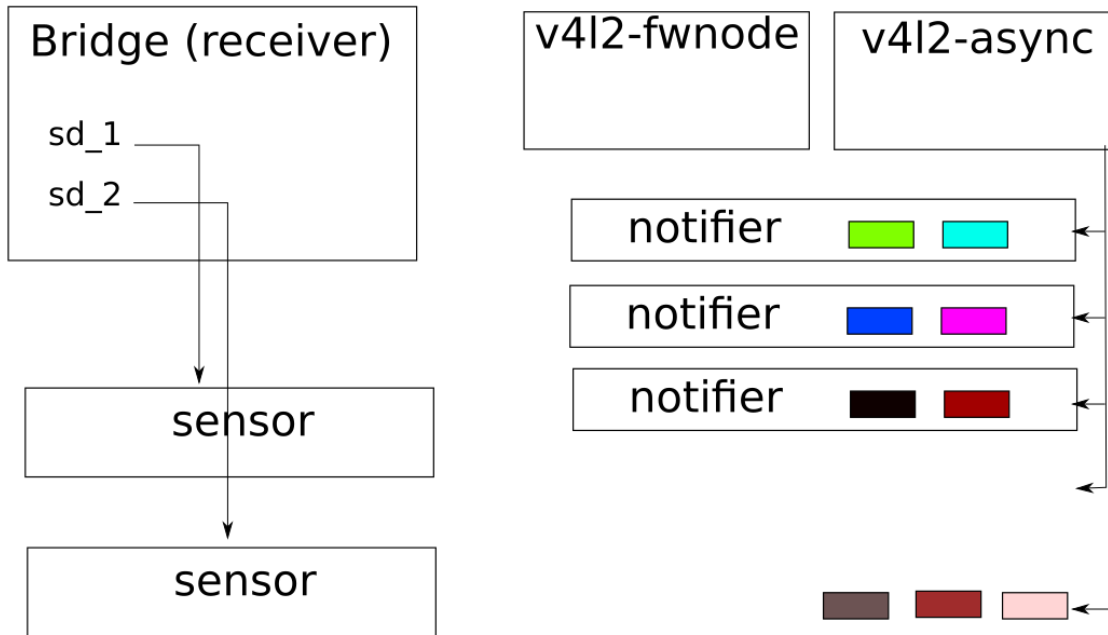
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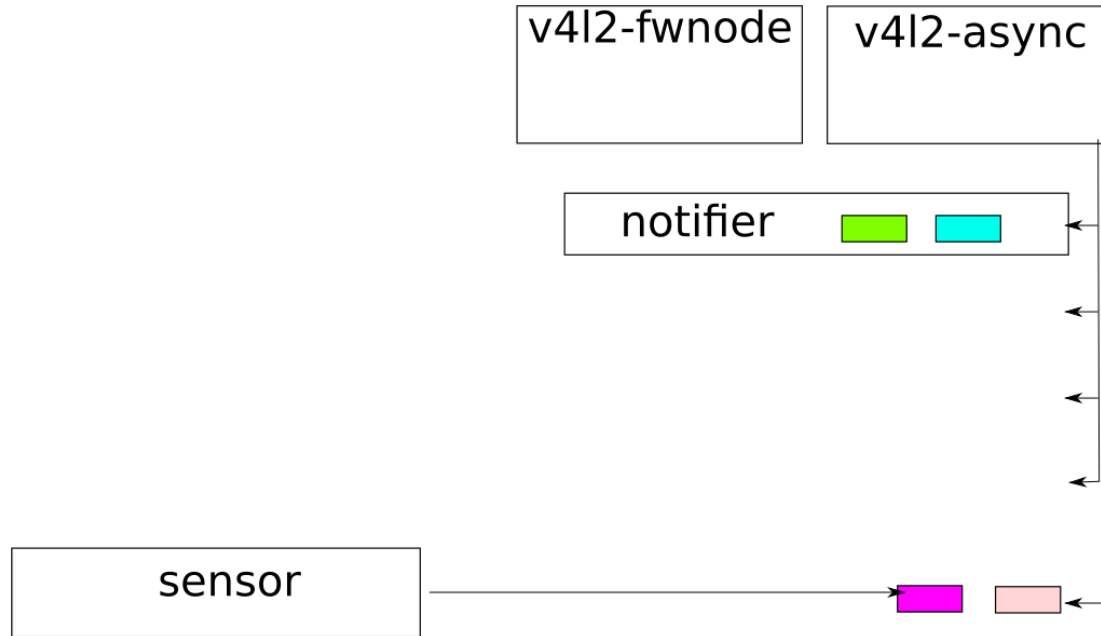
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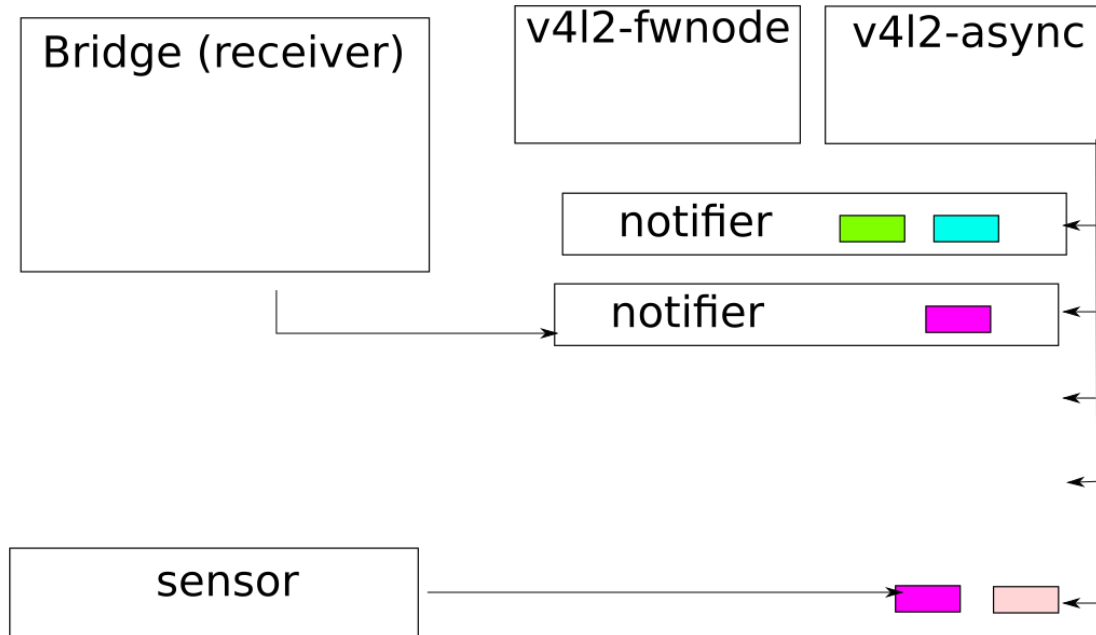


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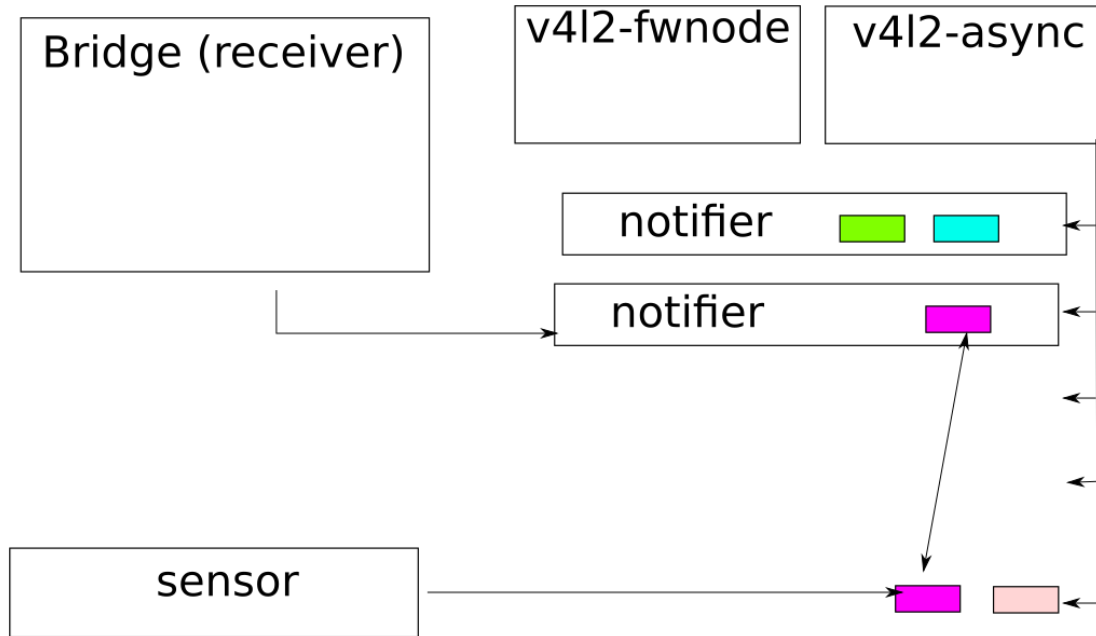




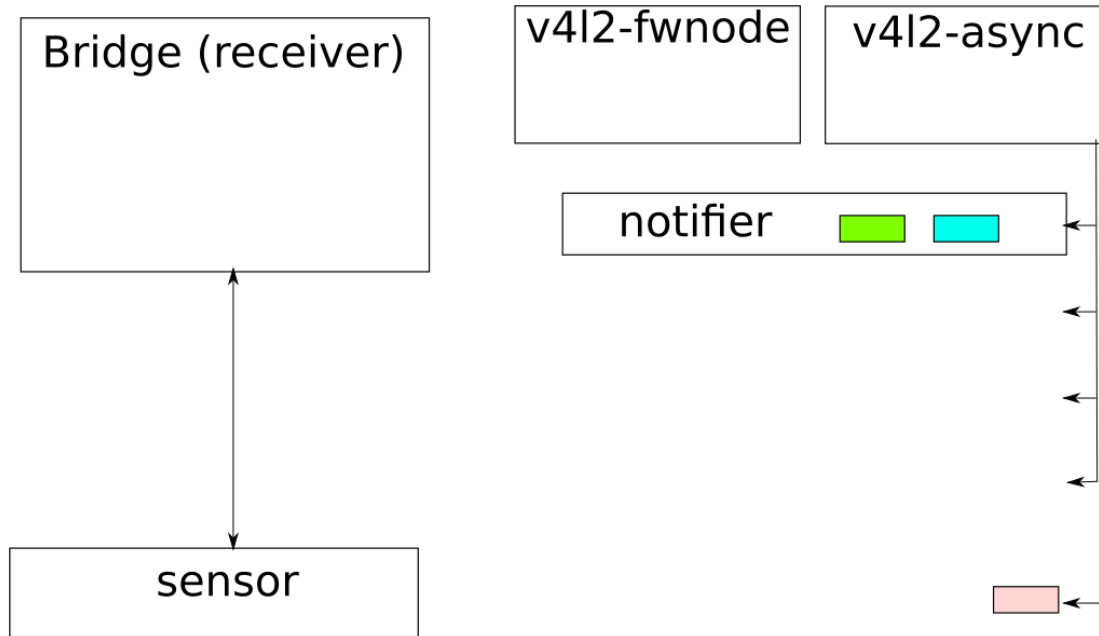
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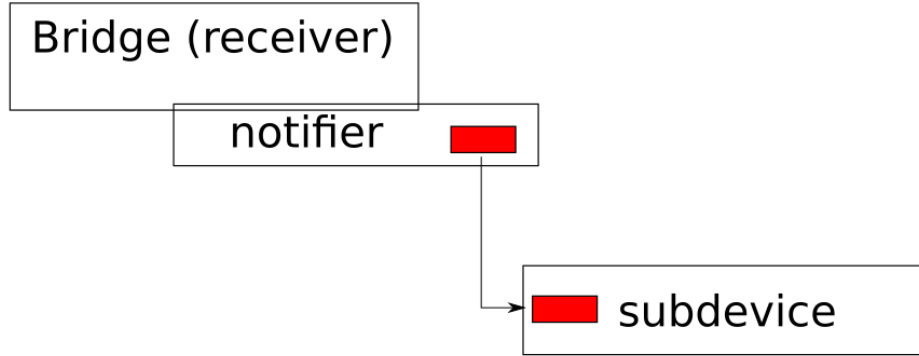
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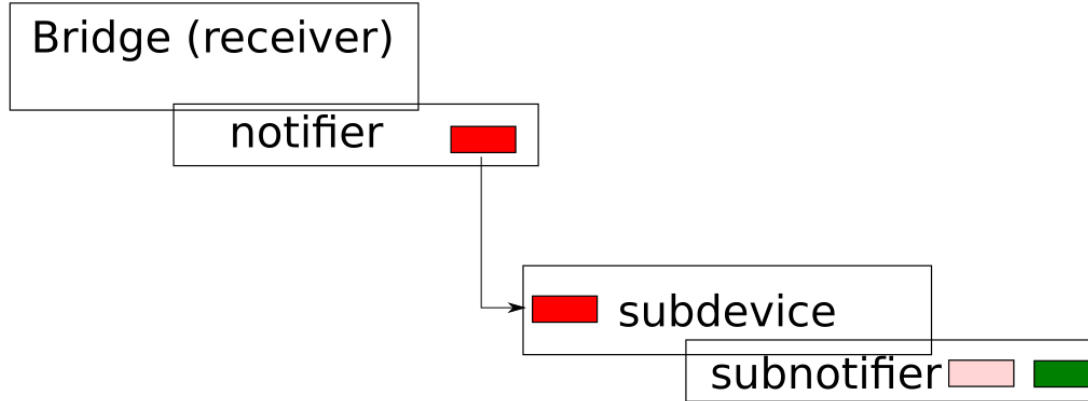
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  - Introducing subnotifiers (late 2017)  
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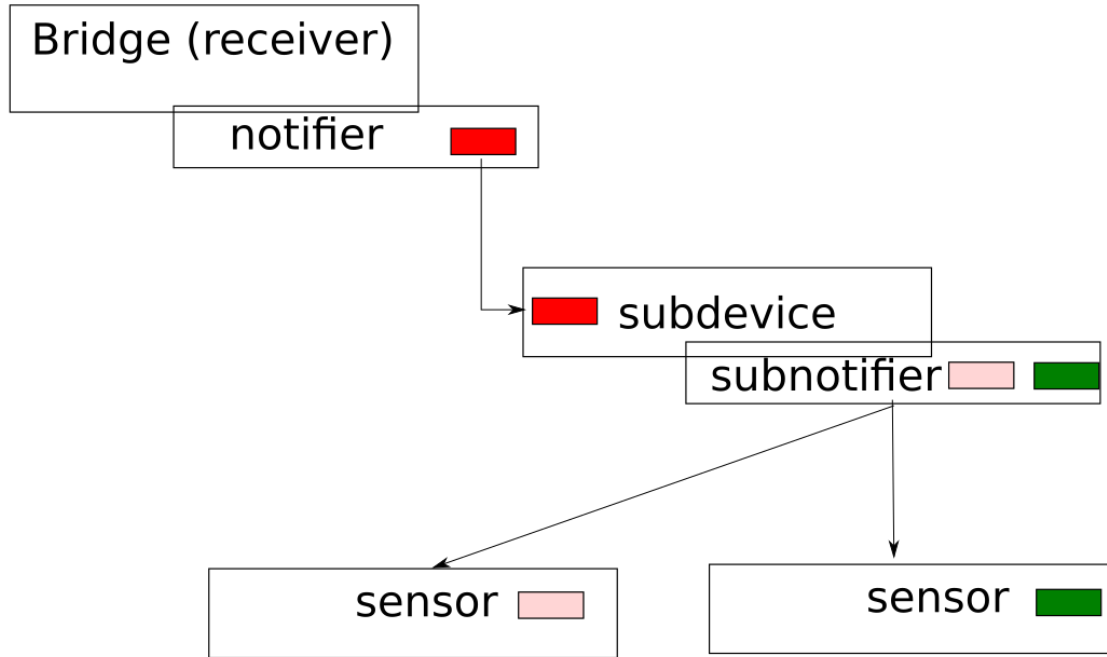
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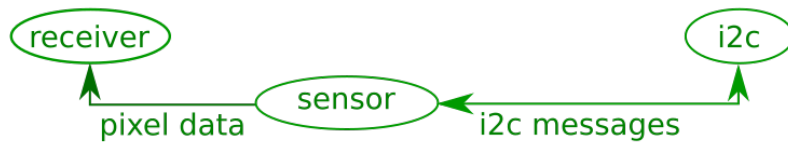
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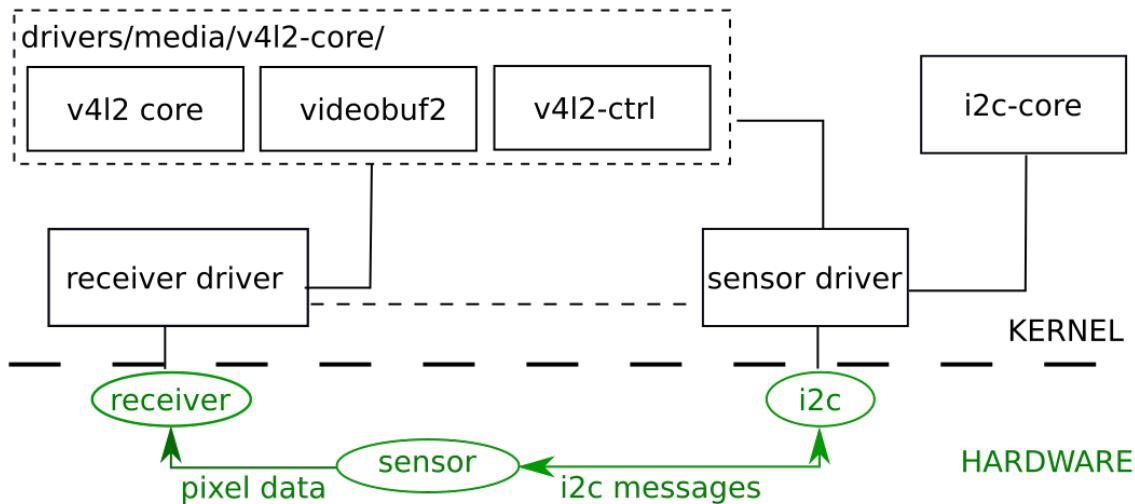
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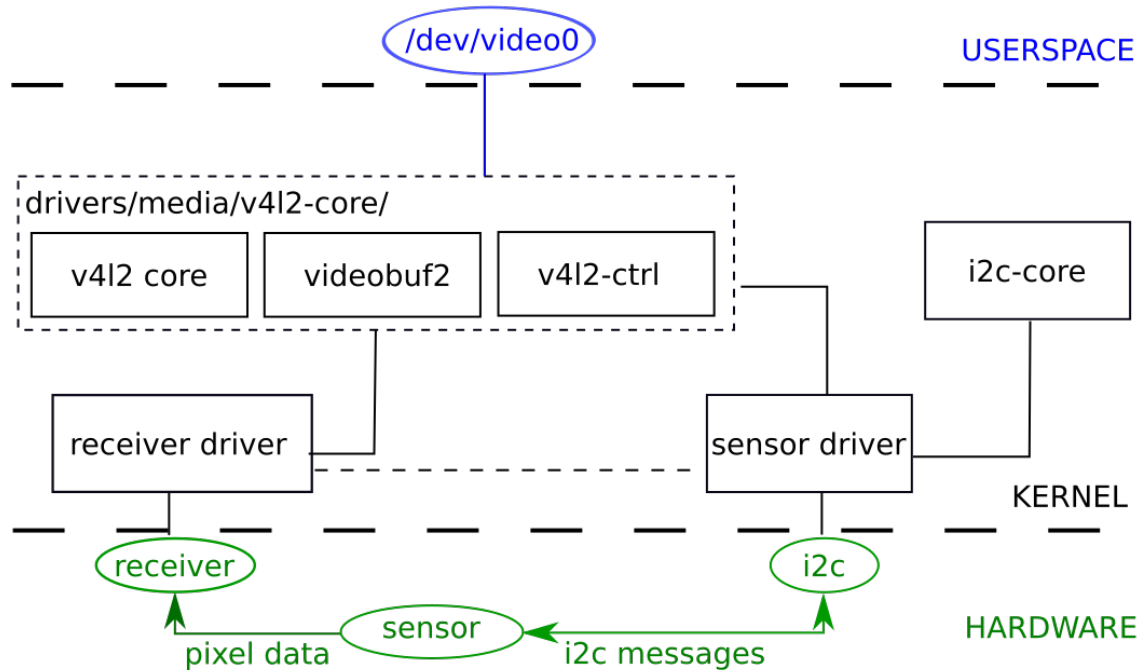


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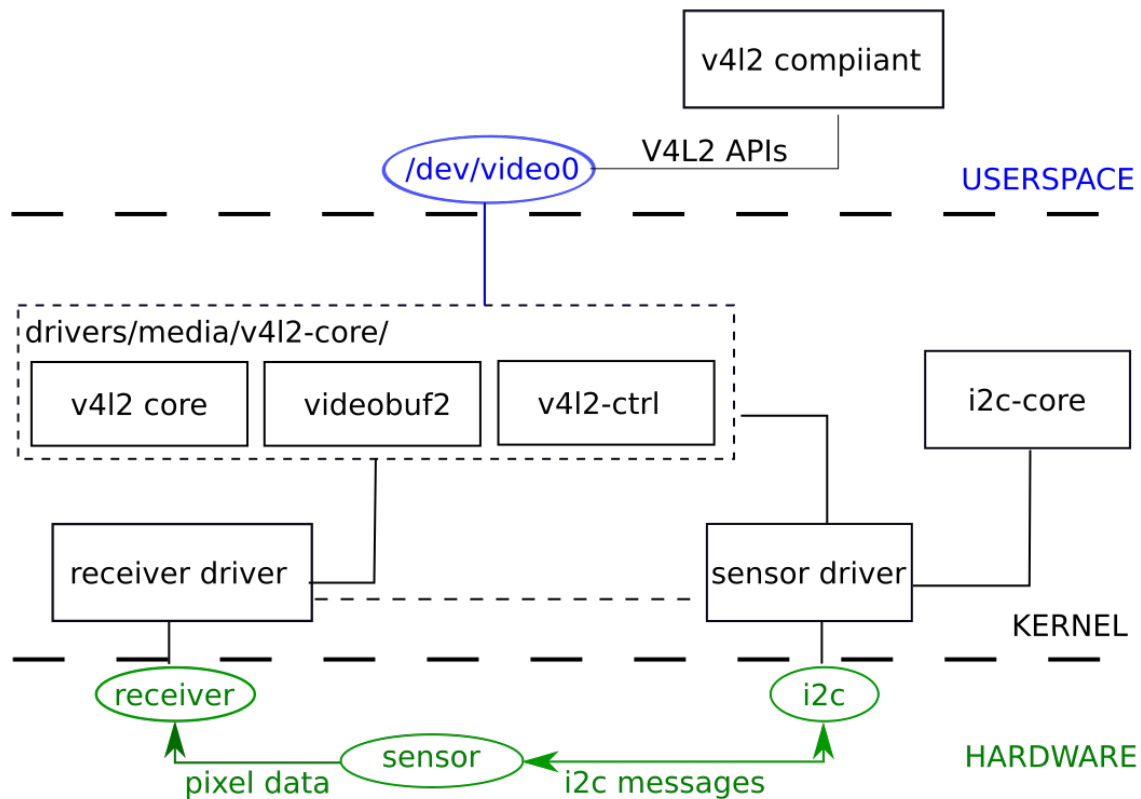
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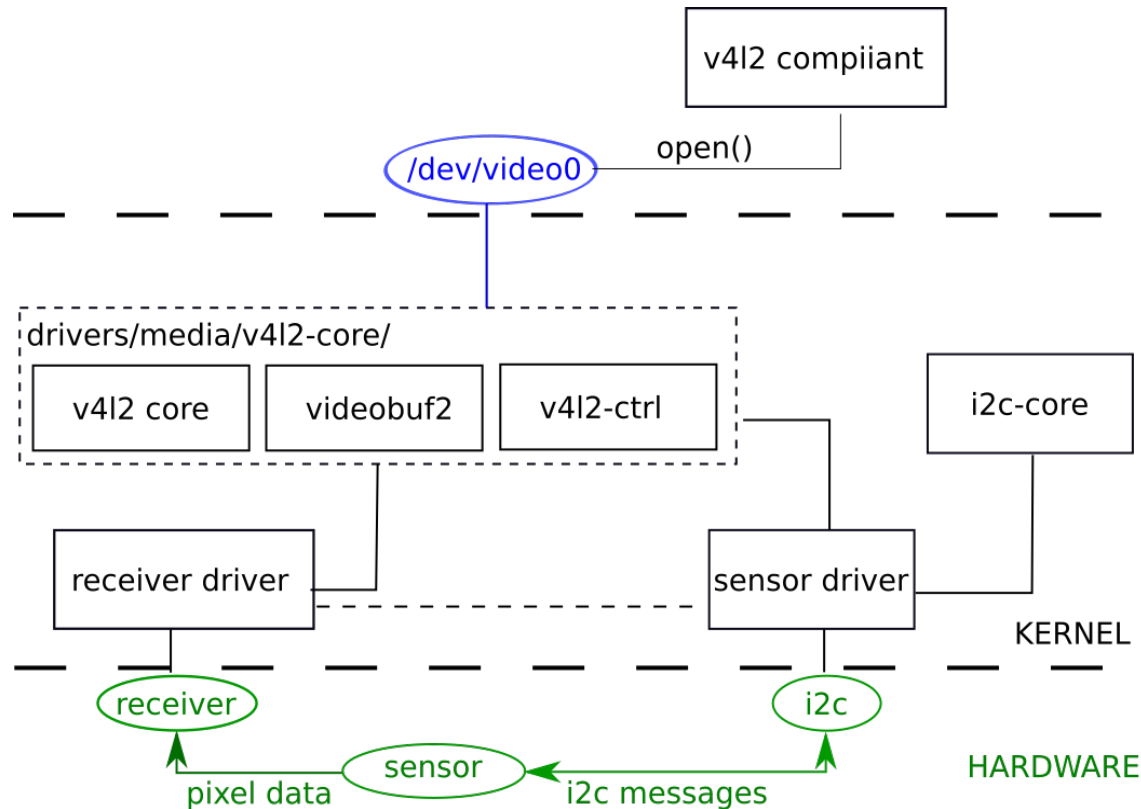
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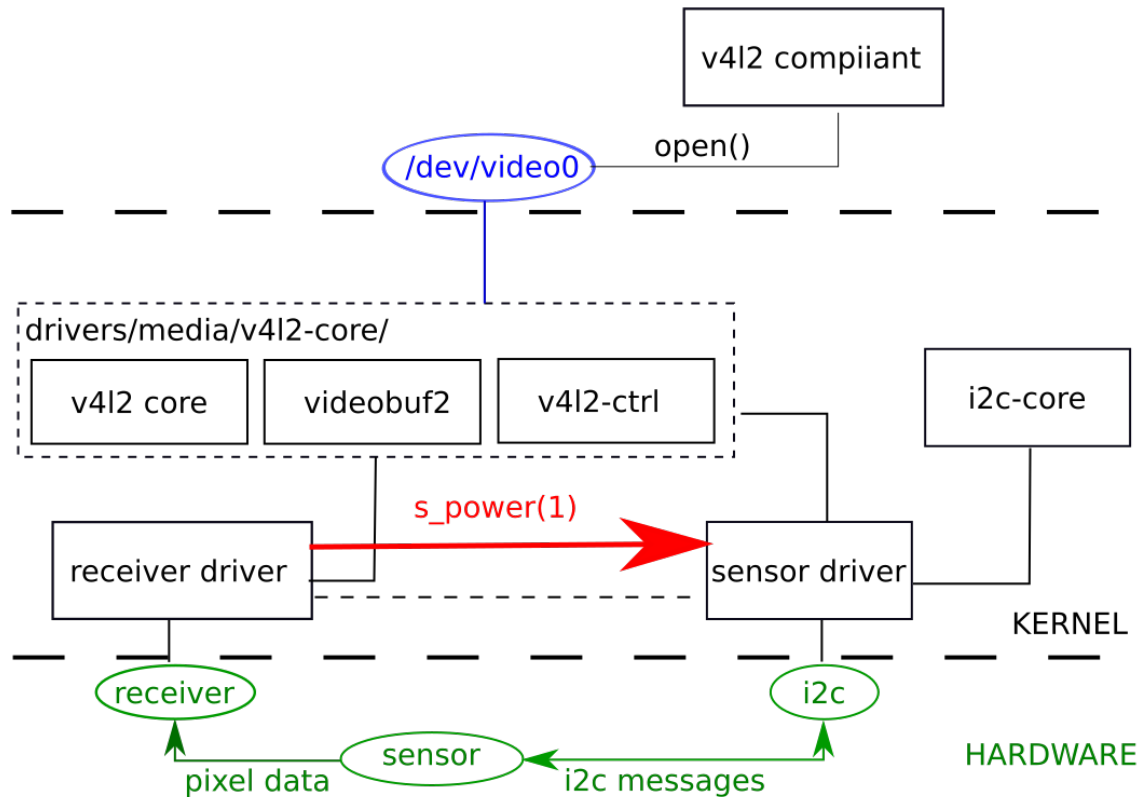
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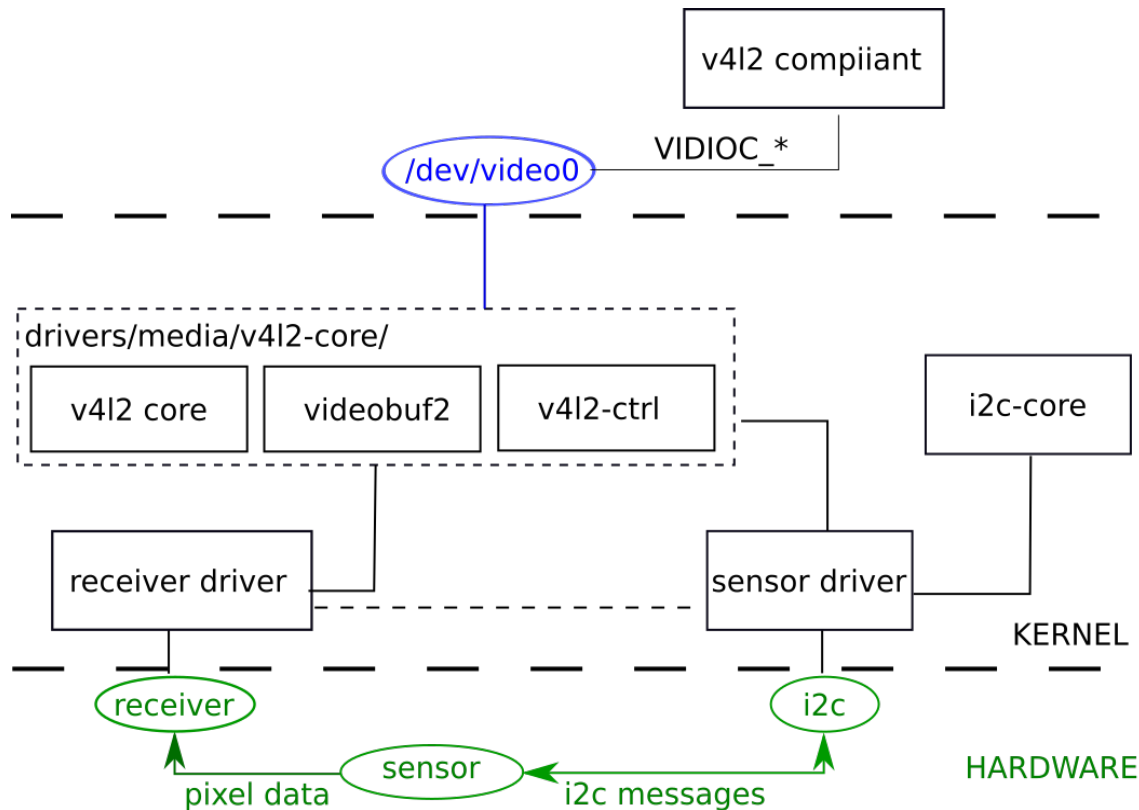


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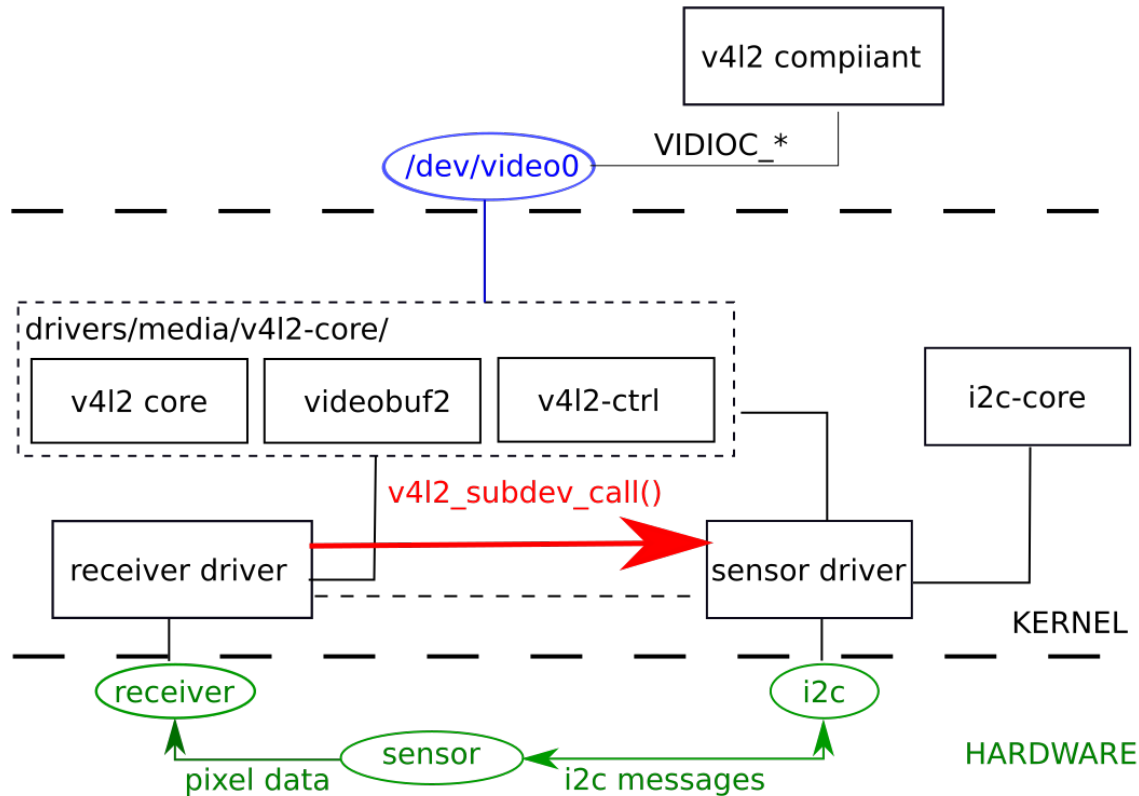




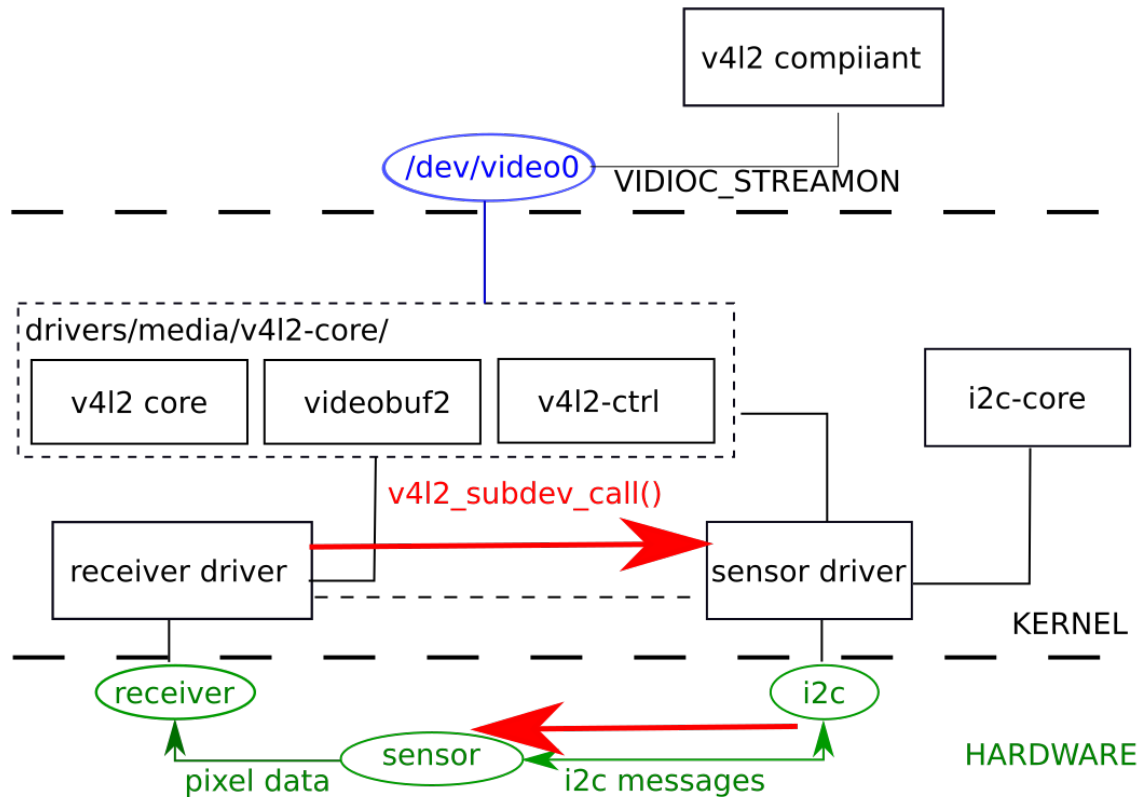
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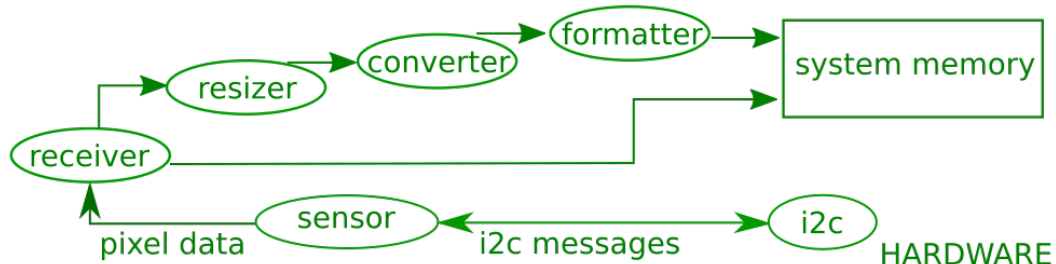
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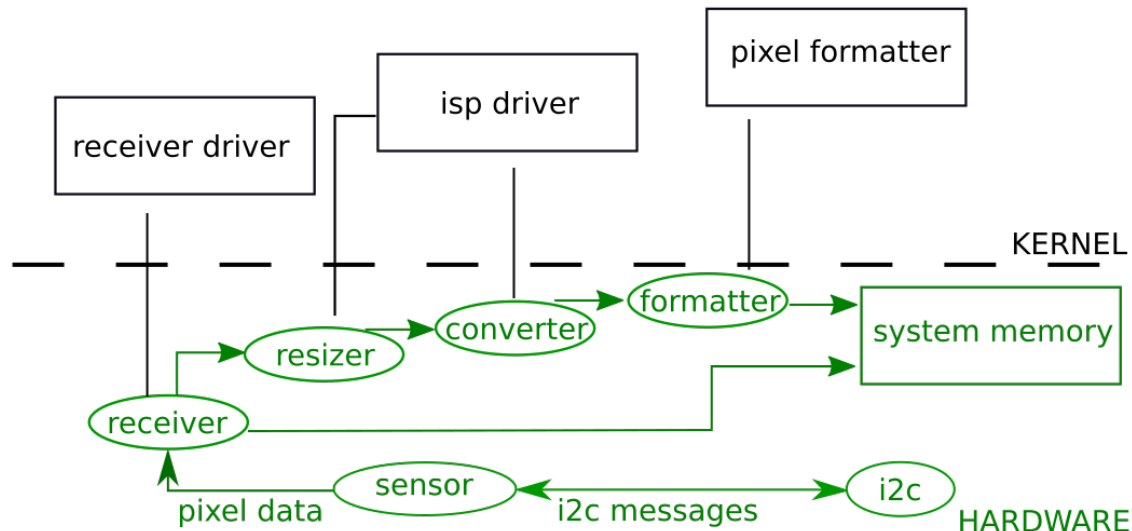
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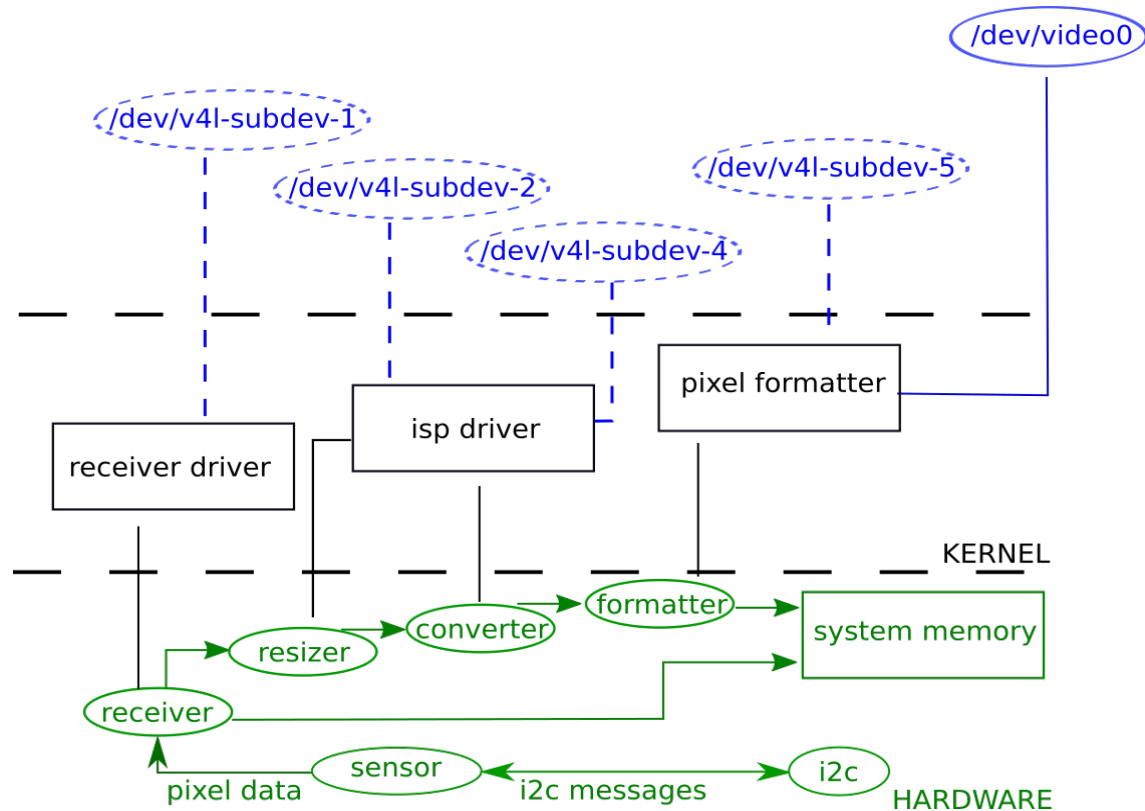
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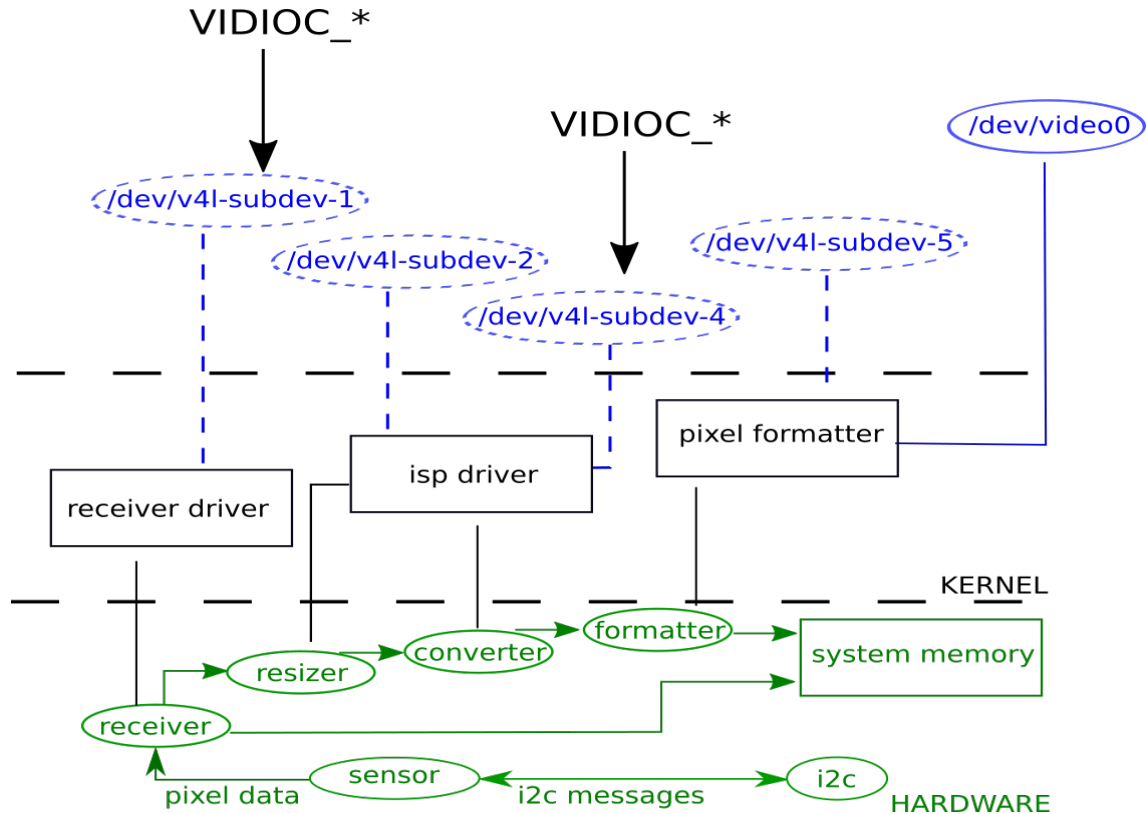
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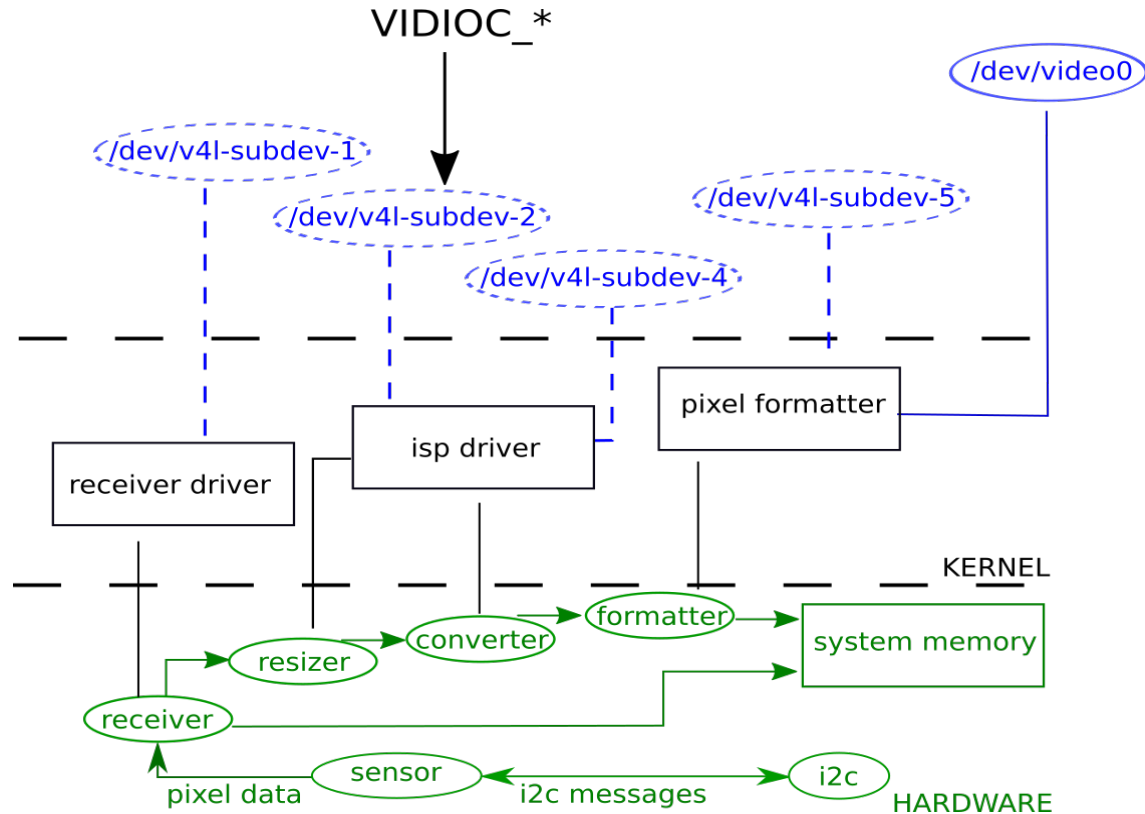
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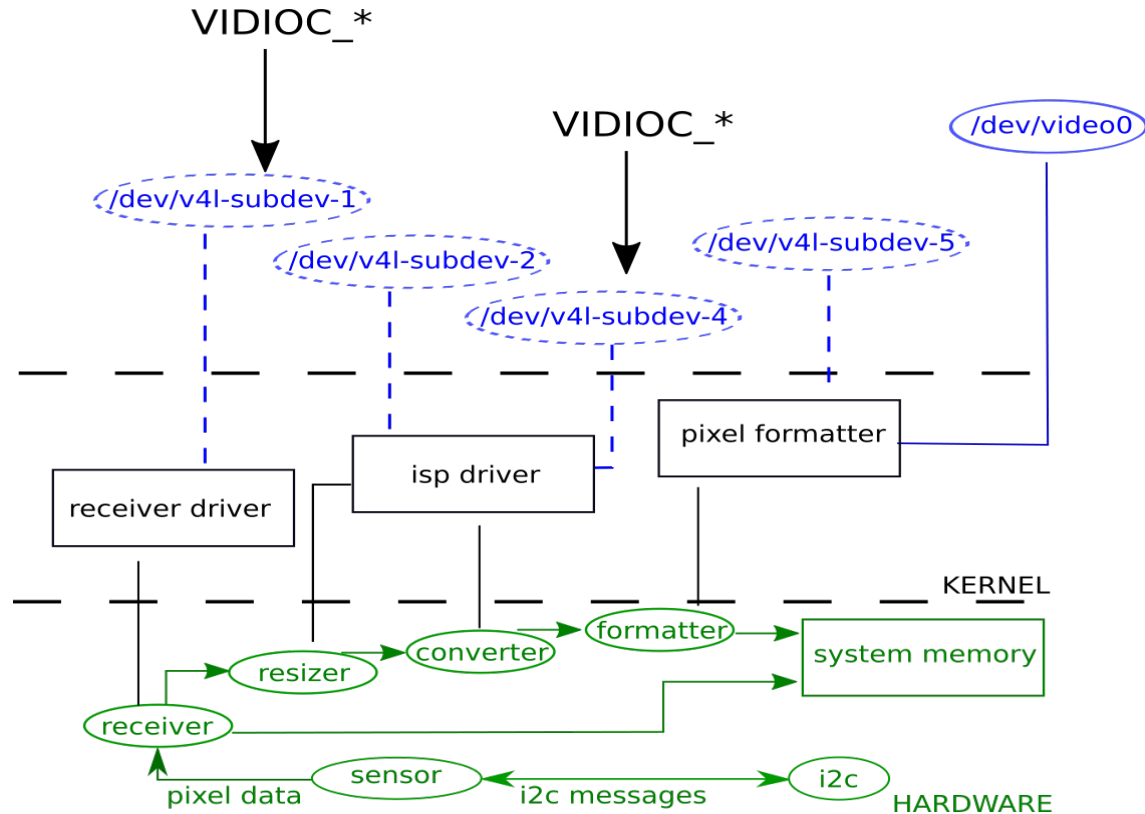


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- Use RUNTIME\_PM whenever possible

# video4linux2: clks, gpios, regulators

- Legacy board files provided to drivers  
power management routines

```
static struct soc_camera_link ov7725_link = {  
    .power          = ov7725_power,  
    .board_info     = &migor_i2c_camera[0],  
    .i2c_adapter_id = 0,  
    .priv           = &ov7725_info,  
};
```



# video4linux2: clks, gpios, regulators

- Use gpio, clock, and regulator frameworks
- Collect references from firmware
  - `*_get(dev, "name");`
- Have the driver enable/disable them at s\_power time

# Practical: ov772x.c

- Copy the driver code from *soc\_camera*

```
media: i2c: Copy ov772x soc_camera sensor driver
```

Copy the *soc\_camera* based driver in *v4l2* sensor driver directory.  
This commit just copies the original file without modifying it.

No modification to *KConfig* and *Makefile* as *soc\_camera* framework dependencies need to be removed first in next commit.

```
drivers/media/i2c/ov772x.c | 1124 ++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
1 file changed, 1124 insertions(+)
```

# Practical: ov772x.c

- Remove soc\_camera dependencies

media: i2c: ov772x: Remove soc\_camera dependencies

Remove soc\_camera framework dependencies from ov772x sensor driver.

- Handle clock and gpios
- Register async subdevice
- Remove soc\_camera specific g/s\_mbus\_config operations
- Change image format colorspace from JPEG to SRGB as the two use the same colorspace information but JPEG makes assumptions on color components quantization that do not apply to the sensor
- Remove sizes crop from get\_selection as driver can't scale
- Add kernel doc to driver interface header file
- Adjust build system

# Practical: ov772x.c

- Here is where the fun begins:

```
$ git log --oneline drivers/media/i2c/ov772x.c
```

```
3508949 media: i2c: ov772x: Support frame interval handling
4b610d6 media: ov772x: add media controller support
c2cae89 media: ov772x: support device tree probing
34af7d9 media: ov772x: handle nested s_power() calls
95f5a45 media: ov772x: avoid accessing registers under power saving mode
7b9998c media: ov772x: make set_fmt() and s_frame_interval() return -EBUSY while streaming
795bce4 media: ov772x: create subdevice device node
```

# Thank you for the attention

- Questions?

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